

ROAD CONTRACTS AWARDED IN SOUTHWEST

Highway Department Accepts Bids
On 35 Road Projects in Missouri.
Barry County Included.

Bids on thirty-five road projects involving a cast to the state of \$2,990,826.52 were accepted Friday, and contracts awarded by the highway department, it was announced by B. H. Piepmier, chief engineer. The awards are subject to the approval of the state highway commission and the obtaining of right of way by local communities.

Contracts for more than seventy-two miles of hard surface roads in fourteen counties were awarded. A list of the counties, with the name of the contractor, the number of miles of road contracted and the bid price follows:

Jasper county—4.469 miles. Awarded to V. E. Koch, Joplin, bid \$76,199.52.

Newton county—8.23 miles. To Independent Construction company, Pittsburg, Kansas, bid, \$285,757.75.

Lafayette county—3.15 miles. To Cook and O'Brien, Kansas City, bid, \$112,463.

Linn county—1.94 miles. To John F. Meek, Chillicothe, Mo., bid \$36,099.

Henry county—6.91 miles. To Joseph Pope, Jefferson City, bid \$201,600.

Christian county—2.67 miles. To Will F. Plummer, Springfield, bid \$66,346.

Adrian county—3.35 miles. To Henderson-Washam, Alexander, Mo., bid \$49,915.

Barry county—4.91 miles. To Alhams and Davis, Joplin, bid, \$39,260.

Cole county—4.85 miles. Felix Kersting, Jefferson City, bid, \$66,177.

Laclede county—4.77 miles. To Pioneer Contracting company at Springfield, bid, \$18,528.

Scotland county—3.56 miles. To W. H. and G. H. Turner, Memphis, Mo., bid, \$54,616.

Webster county—2.57 miles. To A. M. Curtis and M. J. Craig, Hartsville, Mo., bid \$7,609.

Jackson county—18.37 miles. To Alzina Constructing company, St. Louis, bid \$747,500.

Seventy miles of graded earth roads will be constructed in fourteen more counties.

On the following sections of work, all bids received on December 2, 1922, were rejected, on account of all bids being above engineer's estimates. When the low bidder was slightly above the engineer's estimate he was given opportunity to take the work at or below the engineer's estimate, as is provided by law. The following contracts were awarded on this basis:

Barry county—4.84 miles. Gravel, To Alhams and Davis, Joplin, at \$38,418.

Marion county—4.6 miles. To Birmingham and Terry, Vienna, Mo., at \$17,819.

St. Genevieve county—4.84 miles. To Alhams and Davis, Joplin, at \$27,855.

New Madrid county—3.5 miles. To Novaculate Construction company, Marion, Ill., at \$45,830.

Carter county—4.48 miles. To W. A. Leach, Poplar Bluff, Mo., at \$11,772.

Johnson county—4.2 miles. To J. W. Wilson, Warrensburg, at \$22,289.

Harrison county—3.53 miles. To Rand Construction company, Kansas City, Mo., at \$136,769.

FOR SALE: Hedge fence posts. Herbert Walton, Phone 908-23. w1717

Farmers bring your Broom Corn to me one-half mile north High school. R. W. Tatum. w1712*

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Farmers Exchange Cooperative Association No. 153 will be held in the assembly room of the First National Bank in the city of Monett, January 17, 1923 at 1 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect seven directors to serve the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

W. E. Meador, Pres.
C. S. Haddock, Sec. w1714*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Robert J. Holmes, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 19th, day of December, 1922, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of granting of said letters, they will be forever barred.

This 19th, day of December, 1922.
JOHN R. WALLEN,
Judge of Probate.

JAMES D. HOLMES,
Administrator.

First insertion Dec. 22, 1922.

ELECTION OF KINGS PRAIRIE SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT

Kings Prairie Special Road District will hold election at the Kings Prairie school house at 2 o'clock January 2. One member of the board of commissioners will be elected for three years term and every voter is urged to cast his vote.

V. H. Marbut's term expires and the voters should bear in mind that it is their business to go and vote for a man who will be interested in having a gravel road to each school house and church in the district, and who wishes to make road improvements permanent.

A report covering 1922 achievements will be read.

KINGS PRAIRIE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Kings Prairie school, under the direction of the teacher, Harlan McCoy will give an old time entertainment, with Christmas tree at 7 o'clock this evening, to which the public is invited. All who can should attend to give encouragement to the most capable young teacher, who is doing such good work. A good time is promised all who attend. Services at New Liberty church will be dismissed for the exercises at the school.

MRS. GABRIEL ENTER- TAINS 500 CLUB

Mrs. L. H. Gabriel was hostess to the 500 club Friday afternoon at her home, the Martin Hotel. Mrs. John Walsh held high score and Mrs. J. A. Livesay, second.

Club members present were Mrs. John Walsh, Mrs. Thos. Markwell, Mrs. L. D. McKee, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. John McGrath, Mrs. Ed Ryan, Mrs. Harry Davies, Mrs. Louis Tucker, Mrs. J. A. Livesay, Mrs. Ed Ryan and the hostess.

The club will meet with Mrs. Harry Davies next Friday afternoon.

WILL ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jenkins, No. 300 Second street, will entertain as guests at dinner Sunday George Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCorkhill, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cheseman of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and family and Mrs. Dallas Pruitt of Monett.

Edward McKenna of Springfield came down Thursday and spent the day with his brother George McKenna and Mrs. McKenna.

Miss Eugenia Bradley departed Thursday morning for Lincoln, Ark., where she will spend Christmas with her grandparents.

Mrs. George McKenna will go to Springfield Friday to spend Christmas with her husband's mother, Mrs. G. T. McKenna. Mr. McKenna will join them Monday morning.

Mrs. J. R. Chappel went to Springfield, Thursday morning to visit her father W. T. Bridges, and brother James Bridges who is quite ill with neuralgia of the stomach.

Mrs. Henry Balmas and baby departed Thursday morning for Tulsa, Okla., to join her husband who has been there the past two months building forms for a concrete company.

Vern Bickel, student at the Missouri University at Columbia, is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Bickel of the Monett Drug Company.

Miss Kathryn Gurley who attends the University of Wisconsin at Madison passed through Monett Friday morning enroute to her home at Purdy to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gurley.

Miss Thelma Williams who makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. Ed Larson of Ft. Smith, Ark., has been the house guest of Miss Edna Walton the past month and departed for her home Thursday morning.

Harvey Porterfield, the Monett boy who lost his arm in an accident at Shattuck, Okla., is getting along nicely and is able to be up. He is still at the hospital. If it is not found necessary to graft some skin to heal up the wound he will probably be able to come home in ten days. Should the skin grafting be necessary he will have to be at the hospital several weeks longer.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the stockholders' meeting of the Monett State Bank will be held at its banking house in the city of Monett, Missouri, on the 8th day of January 1923.

Said meeting will be convened at 9 o'clock a. m. and continued during at least three hours, unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner.

The purpose for which this meeting is called is to elect seven directors for said bank to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

G. W. Finn, President.
Attest:
V. A. Willey, Secretary. d&wtm

BANKS ENCOURAGE GRAPE INDUSTRY

I have spent several days this week in Barry county attending Grape Grower's meetings. I find more interest than was shown last year. I find especially the Bankers behind the Grape Growers. Banks are willing to finance grapes. There is a reason for this, after investigation they find it a profit paying crop. This can not be said of several other crops now being grown.

We want to give you record from small vineyard at Exeter. W. A. Sapp has 415 vines, five years old. From these vines, he sold 2200 baskets. His net profit after paying expense of culture, baskets, and picking and selling was \$226.00. Price this year was low and baskets were high on account of Express. He estimates he gave away and used for home purposes 200 baskets. How is that for less than an acre?

We note one of our sister towns, Aurora, is now working for Juice factory. They have a vision Monett wants this factory. It may not be built for a few years, but now is the time to work for it. To begin this foundation work means to plant acres in grapes. It further means to plant Concord Grapes. Some of our neighboring counties are mixing their varieties. Monett and Barry county should stay by Concord 100 per cent. The juice factory uses Concord only.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to advise growers that I closed contract today with a business man in Monett for plants to set 12 acres. We ought to have twenty-five such contracts in Monett vicinity. We should set out this year 500 acres, and should contract now for 40 plants before they advance in price.

John P. Davis.

FIVE HUNDRED CLUB MEETS AND EXCHANGES GIFTS

The Five Hundred Club met with Mrs. Ralph Saxe at her home on Second street Friday afternoon, to exchange Christmas gifts. They exchanged very beautiful gifts and enjoyed a pleasant social time. Club members there included Mrs. Carl Counts, Mrs. A. C. Davis, Mrs. Chas. Wilhelm, Mrs. Ernest Adams, Mrs. Joe Tucker, Mrs. Mrs. O. W. Blacksher, Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mrs. Frank Conley, Mrs. Glen Douglas, Mrs. Ralph Saxe. Mrs. Wm. E. Thompson of Carthage was a guest.

Mrs. Louis F. Tucker was shopping in Joplin Thursday.

Pat Martin spent Thursday at his farm near Exeter.

Mrs. John McGrath visited in Joplin Thursday.

Attorney F. P. Sizer made a professional trip to Ft. Smith, Ark., Thursday.

Harold A. Seager departed Thursday morning for Conewango Valley, N. Y.

W. D. Wainright, of Picher, Okla., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wainright Thursday night.

Louis B. Witt of Freistatt left Thursday morning on a business trip to McAllen, Texas.

Mrs. B. P. McCaslin and Mrs. D. D. Parsons spent the day, Thursday in Joplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolsey and children of Bentonville, Ark., came in Thursday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Breece and Miss Ruth Breece will go to Springfield Friday to visit Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ellis and family.

Mrs. L. A. Blood left Thursday evening for Ponca City, Okla., to spend Christmas and New Year's with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Short spent Thursday in Peirce City with the former's sister, Mrs. Martha Heeter and family.

Mrs. Margaret Fuerstenfert of Freistatt, left for Gillette, Ark., Thursday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Pearl Heyburn of Tulsa, Okla., has come to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Heyburn.

Attorney Emory Smith of Springfield passed through Monett this morning enroute to his home at Cassville to spend Christmas.

Mrs. J. Herron Westbay and little daughter Dorothy Lorraine of Indianapolis Ind., came Friday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruggles and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Westbay.

Miss Della Stockton who teaches school near Aurora passed through Monett Saturday morning enroute to her home at Purdy to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Emma Patterson.

W. L. Massey of Republic, Mo., agent for the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, visited in Monett yesterday and last night and attended the dedication services of the new Masonic hall. He visited over night with his brother-in-law Homer Squibb and family.

WHY GROW CONCORD GRAPES?

The Standard Education Society in their reference work, has this to say of Concord Grapes. "The leading American Grape."

A brief history of the beginning is interesting. In 1840, some boys scattered wild fox grapes about the place of Mr. Ephraim Bull of Concord, Mass. In 1843, he found on one of these vines, some fruit. He planted these grapes, and 1849, he obtained a fine fruiting vine, and named it Concord. This vine is still bearing fruit. In 1895, Mr. Bull died at the age of ninety, and no doubt he reached this age on account of using grapes, and grape juice. Recently at Concord, Mass., his home was improved and placed in an attractive condition, and this Father Vine of a vast industry is now enclosed in a substantial trellis and is cultivated.

A movement is on foot to erect a monument to Mr. Bull, who "sowed that others might reap," attached to the Trellis is a board carrying the inscription cut by Mr. Bull himself. "I looked about to see what I could find among our wildlings. The next thing to do was to find the best and earliest grape for seed, and this I found in an accidental seedling at the foot of the hill. The crop was abundant, ripe in August, and of good quality for a wild grape. I saved the seed in 1843, and among them the Concord was the only one worth saving."—E. W. Bull.

The above narrative is History, written in 1920. You will note that the Concord was the one variety that answered all purposes, and produced abundantly. You will note further that this vine was planted in 1843, and although the record shows it did not receive proper care and pruning, especially after Mr. Bull's death in 1895, except in the last few years, that the vine is still bearing fruit, and is thrifty. It is now 80 years old. In the next article, we will give you more modern authorities.

John P. Davis.

REVIVAL MEETING AT NEW LIBERTY CHURCH

Rev. E. R. Strubling, assisted by the members of the church, is holding a revival meeting at the New Liberty church on Kings Prairie. Much interest is manifest and attendance is increasing each evening.

Mr. Riddle is conducting the song service, which is attracting much favorable comment.

The interest is increasing and the meeting is growing in spiritual power. Everybody is invited to attend and participate in the Lord's work.

STITCH AND CHATTER CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Stitch and Chatter Club members and their husbands were entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Russey Thursday evening. The house was appropriately decorated in Christmas colors. A Christmas tree was a feature of the evening, each one present receiving a gift, some of which caused much merriment. Progressive Rook was played. At the close of the evening a delicious buffet luncheon was served.

Those enjoying the affair were Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wainright, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Russey.

AUTOMOBILE CATCHES FIRE FROM CIGARETTE

The fire department was called out about 7 o'clock Friday evening by the Ford car belonging to Earl Gray catching fire from a cigarette as Mr. Gray was filling the gasoline tank. The upholstery and top was destroyed.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB GIVES CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Young Men's Club gave its annual Christmas dance at the Knights of Columbus hall on Christmas night. They report the most enjoyable and most successful dance they have yet given. There were forty-six couples present, of which a number were from Peirce City. The DeMolay orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilhoit and children went to Pittsburg, Kansas Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Heaton, Mr. Wilhoit's uncle and aunt.

Mrs. Amy Parsons left on the early train Tuesday morning for Tahlequah, Okla., where she will visit her son, J. D. Parsons, Frisco agent at that place.

Mrs. Ralph Kinser and only daughter, who have been visiting Mrs. Kinser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gilliox returned to their home at Chattanooga, Tenn., Monday night.

Mrs. R. W. Hallenback and Ralph, Jr., passed through Monett Tuesday morning on her way to Exeter for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas. She will visit relatives here on her return to her home at Lamar, Mo.

LAW FIRM ACCUSES RAILROAD COMPANY OF ACTION

F. P. Sizer, of the law firm of Sizer & Gardner in commenting on the news dispatch telling of the action of members of the Missouri bar to institute disbarment proceedings against the firm, before the supreme court, accuses the Frisco railroad company of being back of the move. He claims that detectives have been shadowing members of the firm and their clients to get information against them and that the proceeding has been threatened for the past ten years.

Sizer & Gardner specialize in personal injury cases, especially against railroad companies.

RETURN FROM INSPECTION OF LAND IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY

R. R. McCormick, Henry Avondet and Emile Avondet returned home Thursday night from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas where they had been since last Friday inspecting land with a view of buying. They are very enthusiastic in their praise of that country and they say it even surpasses California in the growth of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, etc. Mr. McCormick said that he never expects to see larger or better grapefruits as grow there, and said that the lemons were nearly as large as a half gallon bucket. It is a tropical country and very rich soil. It has only been opened up the past few years and already it is becoming populated with many fine farms. J. E. Wagner who accompanied them stopped at Dallas, Texas enroute home and visited Lieutenant and Mr. Merrell, formerly of Monett, and arrived home Friday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Trimble and Mrs. J. M. Clayton visited in Joplin Thursday.

Mrs. R. G. Kaufman was a visitor in Springfield, Wednesday.

Miss Mable Skelton went to Rogers, Ark., Thursday morning to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kaufman and daughter will leave this evening to spend Christmas at Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. M. K. Pace and son Wilbur went to Springfield Saturday morning for a visit of two days.

Miss Lyda Jennings is spending the holidays with her parents near Mount Vernon.

Mrs. H. B. Westennaver and daughter Miss Opal were shopping in Joplin Saturday.

Mrs. Steele is the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Whitlock and she is reported doing well.

Milton Combs of Tulsa, Okla., arrived Friday evening to spend the holidays with his father E. W. Combs and family.

Leonard H. Gabriel will arrive from St. Louis tonight to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. H. Gabriel, at the Martin hotel.

Miss Esther White of Kansas City came Saturday morning to spend Christmas with her father, Charles White, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wainright will leave Tuesday to spend the winter. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jenks at Charleston, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin at Arkansas City.

Grant Z. Utter, of Skiatook, Okla., visited Monett friends Friday night and Saturday. He is on his way to Kansas City to visit his father, E. G. Utter and his brother, Carl Utter.

Mrs. C. C. Cook went to Rogers, Ark., Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morgan. Her son Harold Cook went Thursday. Mrs. Cook will be accompanied home Monday evening by her sister Miss Jessie Morgan.

RECEIVES FREEDOM AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Mt. Vernon Girl's Husband Pardoned From Missouri Penitentiary.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Loren Goist today received from the state of Missouri a real Christmas present—four years of freedom, years which he was sentenced to spend behind the gray walls of the state penitentiary here.

And down in Texas, a wife and baby await even greater Christmas joy, the return of their husband and father.

Loren, who is only 24 years old, is going back to the girl, sweetheart of his boyhood, who was an innocent cause of the crime which sent him to prison.

A Story of Romance.
Goist was "dressed out" of the penitentiary this afternoon after Acting Governor Lloyd had granted him a pardon.

The story of Loren and the girl, who is now his wife and the mother of his child, is one of romance, spiced with adventure.

Back in 1917, Goist who then was only 19 years old, was in love with the girl. He lived in Springfield, Mo., she in Mount Vernon. He is said to have stolen an automobile, his own having broken down, to visit his sweetheart.

He pleaded guilty November 17, that year, to grand larceny in the second degree in the circuit court of Greene county and was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary. Shortly after his commitment, he was sent to a road camp at Jefferson barracks.

On November 9, 1919, Goist escaped and went to Texas. He entered the bakery business in Burkburnett and prospered. Then he sent back to Missouri for his mother and the girl who had been faithful to him during his imprisonment. The escaped convict and his boyhood sweetheart were married.

But the law, unsentimental in its operation, destroyed the little home that love had built, and Goist, on November 26, 1922, was brought back to the Missouri penitentiary.

Miss Mamie Cobb went to Aurora Friday night to visit her parents during the holidays.

Frank W. Kirk will arrive from Joplin this evening to spend Christmas with his brother, Hal Kirk.

Mrs. John McTigue went to Aurora Saturday morning and will bring back her small brother, Carl Wise, to spend Christmas.

Myron Dunlap, student at School of Mines at Rolla, Mo., came home Saturday morning to spend Christmas with his mother Mrs. Jeannette Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Stewart and their daughters, Naomi and Anna, are expected to arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with Mr. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, 706 Seventh.

Miss Pauline Gabriel, who is a student at the Normal School of Physical Education in Battle Creek, Mich., will spend Christmas with her cousins at Buffalo, N. Y. and Rochester, N. Y. On her return to Battle Creek she will attend a house party in Detroit, Mich.

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